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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

John D. Winter et al.

Serial No.: 09/781,200

Filed: February 13, 2001

For: Apparatus And Method For
Withdrawing And Dewatering Slag
From A Gasification System

Confirmation No. 9100

Group Art Unit: 1723

Examiner: Popovics, Robert J.

Attorney Docket No.: 82197-D2

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2002, and is being submitted with a one-month extension of time. Therefore, this response is being submitted on or before its current due date of March 6, 2003.

Please enter the following amendments to the claims and consider the accompanying remarks. There are no amendments to the specification.

I hereby certify that I have a reasonable basis for believing that this correspondence will be deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on March 6, 2003

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Signature Date